



# **Scottsdale Healthcare Military Training Center Grand Opening**

Wednesday, January 19, 2011

Remarks by Gov. Jan Brewer

Good afternoon, and thank you for inviting me to participate in the Grand Opening of this wonderful facility.

I looked forward to being here.

As a child raised on a military base, I have a special affection for our Armed Forces and the men and women who serve in it.

As Governor, that affection has deepened as I have toured Arizona's military installations and visited with servicemen and their families.

In addition, Luke Air Force Base is in my backyard.

I hear the roar from those jet engines on a regular basis, and I love it.

And, some of you might know, I was a founding member of Luke's Fighter Country Partnership.

I'm proud that Scottsdale Healthcare's partnership with our Armed Forces began one of the first community hospitals in the United States to welcome all branches of the military for trauma training.

And, I'm proud that Luke is one of the primary partners for the program here -- and has been since 2004.

Like Luke, the Arizona National Guard is also an important partner, and I am proud of every one of our citizen soldiers and airman – over 9,000 of whom have deployed overseas since 2001, with 330 deployed overseas as of last week.

Luke actually has four staff assigned to supporting the program on the Scottsdale Healthcare Osborn campus; and this public/private partnership helps meet the needs of Luke medical personnel especially since their military hospital closed many years ago.

This new center will expand and enhance capabilities of the hospital's existing military training program.

Few missions can be more important than enhancing the training of our physicians – surgeons -- nurses -- and other military medical personnel – as they get hands-on experience at Scottsdale Healthcare Osborn Medical Center.

Further, the program offers military medical personnel access to more patients with battlefield-like injuries, reduces training costs for military and civilian medical personnel and adds capacity to sustain trauma and readiness skills for military medical personnel.

It is not only a model for our state as a successful public/private partnership but a model for our entire country and Department of Defense.

So, congratulations to Scottsdale Healthcare for advancing this program, for training our military men and women, who, in turn will be better able to serve and protect us.

May God bless those who serve us in the cause of freedom and justice.

May He bless you and your families and our Great State of Arizona.

And may God always bless and protect the United States of America. Thank you.